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Re: German Patent Application No. 102 50 902.6-33
Applicant: ADVANCED MICRO DEVICES, INC.

Dear Mike:

Regarding the above-referenced German patent application, please be informed that we have received a first Official Communication from the German Patent and Trademark Office, to which a response is due by the extended term of

February 1, 2004.

Please find enclosed copies of a translation of the Official Communication, our report letter to Paul Drake, and any cited prior art documents. We will discuss the further procedure with both AMD legal and the inventor and will then inform you again of our filed response.

Very truly yours,

(Anton Pfau)

Encls: Translation of Official Communication
Copy of letter to Paul Drake
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Filed: July 22, 2003

For: METHOD OF REMOVING FEATURES
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A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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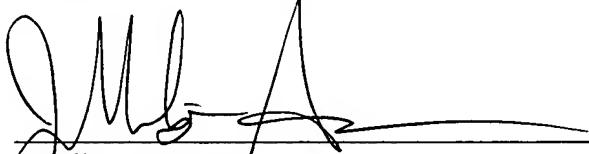
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Sir:

The above-captioned Patent Application was filed on July 22, 2003, and, to date,

Applicants have not received the filing receipt. Applicants request a status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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